

The Senate Natural Resources and the Environment Committee offered the following substitute to SR 973:

A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting that the United States Congress avoid passing Cap and Trade type legislation that
2 would negatively impact this nation; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, this year, the United States Congress is considering legislation entitled the
4 "American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009," more commonly known as Cap and
5 Trade legislation; and

6 WHEREAS, it is imperative that members of Congress carefully consider all the possible
7 effects that the passage of a Cap and Trade type legislation would have upon this nation's and
8 state's economic health and stability; and

9 WHEREAS, while there is some scientific belief that greenhouse gases could impact the
10 atmosphere, there is also some scientific skepticism of the belief in man-caused global
11 warming; and

12 WHEREAS, according to the official temperature records from the Climate Research Unit
13 of East Anglia, global temperatures since 1998 have decreased even though greenhouse gas
14 emissions have increased; and

15 WHEREAS, some scientists have pointed to data that illustrates the correlation between solar
16 activity and global warming, which they believe accurately explains past global temperature
17 changes including the decline in temperature over the past decade; and

18 WHEREAS, these natural planetary temperature fluctuations are beyond human influence,
19 explain current global temperatures more accurately than greenhouse gases, and point to a
20 natural cycle of climate change; and

21 WHEREAS, legislation that creates another massive federal bureaucracy to address a
22 problem that may not be occurring would be irresponsible; and

23 WHEREAS, any legislation passed should include a cost-benefit analysis to help determine
24 a balance between economic stability and environmental stewardship; and

25 WHEREAS, any action taken by Congress should be structured to protect and promote
26 American jobs, protect American citizens and industry from higher energy prices, reward
27 early adopters of efficient practices and technologies, and champion the global
28 competitiveness of American industry.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 request that the United States Congress proceed cautiously in their attempted solution to
31 address global climate change and have the humility to acknowledge that we as a people
32 have a long way to go before fully understanding global climate fluctuations.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any policy intended to curb greenhouse gas emissions
34 must originate in the United States Congress with a recorded vote for accountability
35 purposes.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to each member of the United States
38 Congress.